(*d*) Is it not possible to grant remission for them this year?

(*e*) Will Government be pleased to state on what grounds some villages in the taluks of the Kolar District were included for remission while others were left out?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—39. (*a*) Remission has been ordered to be granted in some villages of the following taluks during the year 1925-26:—

(1) Bowringpet,
(2) Chickballapur,
(3) Bagepalli,
(4) Sidlaghatta,
(5) Gudibanda,
(6) Malur,
(7) Chintamani, and
(8) Goribidnur.

(*b*) Conditions in these taluks did not call for the concessions laid down in the Appendix to Government Order No. R. 14-25—L.R. 149-24-74, dated 3rd October 1925.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) In view of reply to serial (*b*) above, this question does not arise.

(*e*) The attention of the member is invited to the rules issued with Government Order No. R. 14-25—L.R. 149-24-74, dated 3rd October 1925, already published in the Gazette.

BY MR. V. VENKATASAMI CHETTY (Chickballapur Municipality).—

Q.—40. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What measures have been taken for preventing the drinking of alcohol?

(*b*) If measures have been taken for this purpose, have they been successful?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—40. (*a*) A special committee of the Representative Assembly was appointed in Government Order No. G. 15601-50—G.M. 554-16-1, dated 19th May 1917, to suggest

measures for reducing drunkenness. Orders of Government on the proposals made by the Committee are contained in Government Order No. Fl. 6221-2, dated 18th April 1918. The policy of Government is to discourage the consumption of alcoholic spirits by the gradual increase of rates of duty and by the regulation with the help of Licensing Boards of the opening, abolition and location of shops and also of the hours of sale, the age of persons to whom liquor may be sold and other matters.

(*b*) The consumption of arrack went down from 419,600 gallons in 1916-17 to 170,000 gallons in 1924-25, while the number of trees tapped for toddy declined from 430,237 in 1916-17 to 352,221 in 1924-25.

BY MR. N. SONNAPPA (Chickballapur Taluk).—

Q.—41. Will the Government be pleased tc give the following information:—

(*a*) The number of permanent appointments carrying a pay of more than Rs. 25 given to Vokkaliga candidates during the past three years in the undermentioned departments—

Education, Railway, Police, Medical, Forest, Agricultural, Revenue and Income-tax.

(*b*) What are the appointments, what is their number and of what pay each?

The details may kindly be furnished districtwar for three years from 1923-24 to 1925-26?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—41. (*a*) and (*b*) The information has been called for and will be supplied to the member on receipt.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Sonnappa.—

How long will it take for the Government to furnish the information referred to in the interpellation?

Chief Secretary.—

As soon as possible.

Mr. Sonnappa.—

Will the information be furnished to all the members?